

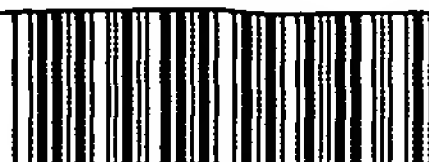
## Interview Summary

Application No.  
09/731,780

Applicant(s)  
TIRAMANI et al.

Examiner  
James O. Hansen

Group Art Unit  
3636



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) James O. Hansen

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Mr. Jack Barufka

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview Aug 28, 2001

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic      b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes      e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: Claims on record

Identification of prior art discussed:

U.S. 4,118,048

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant requested an interview on the merits prior to the examination of the application. Applicant stated that the pending application would focus on the specifics of the "toolbox". Applicant also cited the U.S. patent to Spranger et al., as newly acquired prior art which was being submitted in a supplemental I.D.S. After the interview and upon initial examination of the application, the examiner called applicant requesting an election on a pending restriction requirement between two distinct species {Group I - essentially figs. 1-26 & Group II - figs. 27-31} so as to expedite the examination process. Applicant elected Group I with traverse {all claims being readable thereon}. However, the examiner later received a call from the applicant requesting a change as to the elected embodiment {from Group I to Group II}. Therefore, the examiner obliged applicant's latter intent and examination of claims 41-47, 51, 57-58, 65-68, 72, 86-92, 94-97 & 114-115 [Group II as elected by applicant with traverse] will proceed in due course.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

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